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different network adaptor having the first logical address associated therewith.

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2002 with reference to the above identified application. By this response claims 1 to 11 and 23 to 26 are deleted. Claims 12 to 14, 16 and 18 to 21 are amended. New claims 38 and 39 are submitted for consideration by Examiner. Claims 12 to 22, 38 and 39 are in the application. Claims 27 to 37 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1 to 10, 14 to 16 and 18 to 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chu et al.. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note with appreciation Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 11 to 13, 17 and 26 if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 38 submitted herewith represents a combination of the features of the original claims 1 to 11, a combination which Examiner has indicated as allowable. Similarly, claim 39 submitted herewith represents a combination of the features of the original claims 23 to 26, a combination which Examiner has

indicated as allowable. The remaining claims in this application are dependent from one or other of these allowable claims, and thus allowable.

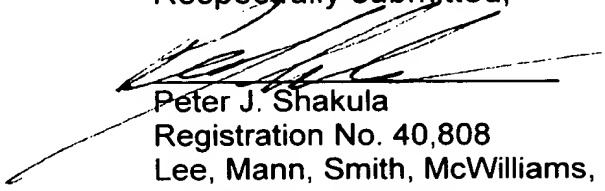
Applicants have studied the prior art made of record and not relied on, and have come to the conclusion that this art does not prejudice the patentability of the invention as defined by the amended claims submitted herewith. Examiner's action in bringing this art to Applicants' attention is however appreciated.

It is confirmed that the subject matter of all claims in the application was commonly owned by the joint inventors at the time the inventions defined therein were made.

The applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is requested.

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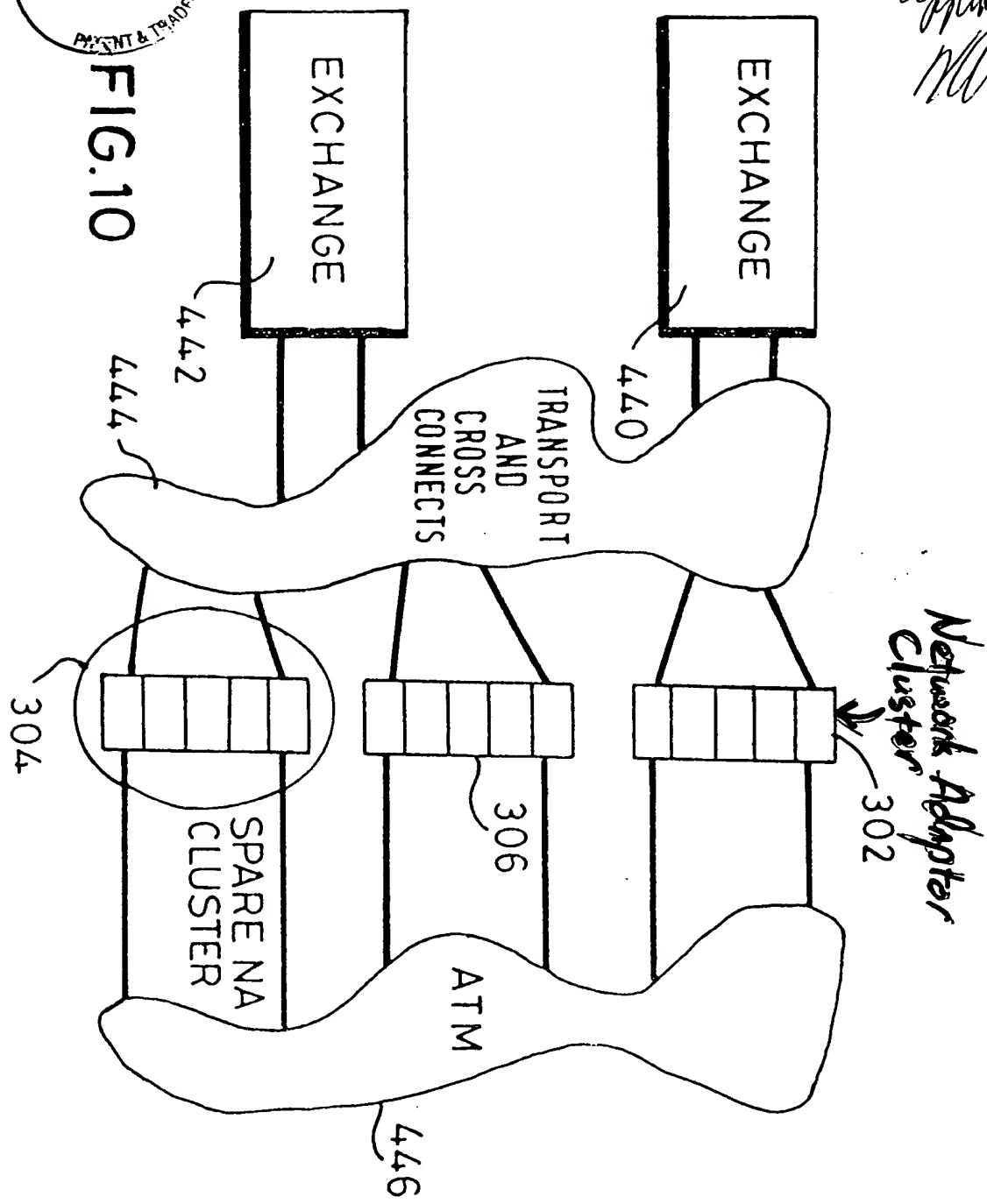
12. (Amended) The communication system of claim [11] 38, wherein the first call server is an active system control device and the second call server is a standby system control device that is selectively operational to support communication system functionality.
13. (Amended) The communication system of claim [11 or] 12, wherein the second group of communication services contain trial services and wherein the first group of communication services contain current subscriber services supported by the communication system.
14. (Amended) The communication system of [any preceding] claim 13, wherein the at least two call servers have associated virtual channels.
16. (Amended) The communication system of [any preceding] claim 15, further comprising means for mapping logical addresses used by the at least two call servers into physical addresses of network adaptors, wherein the logical addresses are independent of the physical addresses.
18. (Amended) The communication system of claim [16 or] 17, further comprising a memory for storing mapping relationships between the logical address and the physical address.

19. (Amended) The communication system of claim [16, 17 or 16] 18, wherein the logical address is a network service access point identity.
20. (Amended) The communication system of [any one of] claims[s 16 to] 19, wherein the physical address is an individual trunk circuit identity.
21. (Amended) The communication system of [any one of] claims[s 16 to] 20, further comprising a fabric application interface coupled between the at least two call servers and the narrowband-to-broadband interface, the at least two call servers arranged to communicate logical addresses to the narrowband-to-broadband interface via the fabric application interface.

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FIG. 10



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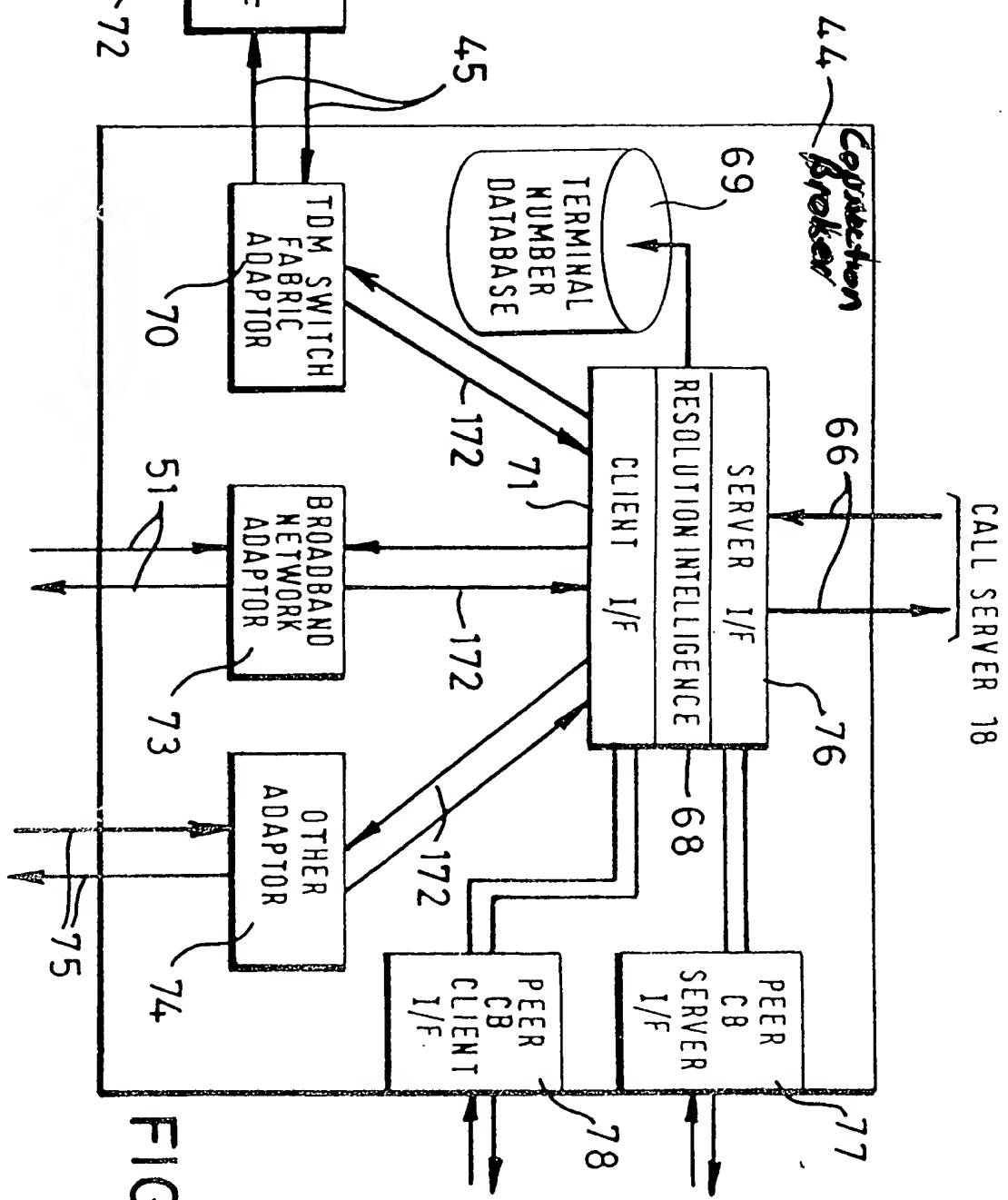


FIG. 3